

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, is that agreeable with you?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Yes.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Goll. Okay. Are there any objections to that? So approved. This will give you some time to work together, you gentlemen and Senator Morehead. Incidentally, Senator O'Doyle would like to have me announce to you that if any of you would like more cupcakes or anyone else would like cupcakes there are some in the rotunda. We will move on to LB 414.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return LB 414 to Select File for a specific amendment. The amendment would read as follows: (Read Chambers amendment as found on page 991 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, if I could have you to listen for a minute or two, I am not going to take that long to discuss this proposition because we have been through it several times in connection with this bill and I think it was 497 dealing with rubella. What my.....

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, Senator Chambers. We are on Final Reading, if you would please return to your seats and cease the debate among yourselves.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: What my amendment will do is to strike the so-called Christian Science exemption from this bill. I gave you a handout this morning dealing with a situation where a doctor was dealing with an infant who needed a transfusion. The parents' religion being Jehovah Witness did not allow for transfusions so the court had to intervene and order that the transfusion be given. The child is now recovering or at the time of that article that I gave to you had begun to recover and the judge and the doctor acknowledged that the mother had a right to her religion but the state also had an interest in the well being of the child and in such a situation the state could step in and do that which was best for the child. We have a situation in LB 414 where some very simple tests are to be administered to a newborn infant and if certain conditions are detected in time mental retardation can be prevented. So I am asking that you bring this bill back and strike that exemption. I sent around to you earlier a letter requesting from the Attorney General an opinion as to the constitutionality of granting an exemption solely on the basis or under the requirement that a person belong to